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SUBJECT: US CLAIMS AGAINST EGYPT (SIXTH MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE)

1. THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON MONDAY JULY 14, AT UNDERSEC DEWIDAR'S OFFICE. THIS MESSAGE SUPPLEMENTS PREVIOUS SPECIAL REPORT ON FIRST EGYPTIAN SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSAL, (CAIRO 6924).

2. EGYPTIAN SECTION PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON A NUMBER OF CASES.

(A) JOSEPH JACK STEON (NEW) AMOUNT EL 93,286 IN BLOCKED NON-RESIDENT ACCOUNT AT CENTRAL BANK, REFERENCE LETTER NO. 1533. MISR BANK ALSO INFORMED BY LETTER NO. 1531. U.S. SIDE REQUESTED STATEMENT OF DEDUCTIONS OF LIABILITIES AND OTHER CHARGES.

(B) SALM CASE A (12). 100 FEDDANS TAKEN UNDER LAW NO. 15 OF 1963, COMPENSATION EL 13,690 (NET). ANOTHER 44 FEDDANS 4 KIRATS 23 SAHMS UNDER LAW NO. 127 OF 1961 COMPENSATION EL 5,012 (NET).

(C) SANTON CASE A (13) 7 FEDDANS 5 KIRATS 4 SAHMS UNDER LAW NO. 15 OF 1963, COMPENSATION EL 1,455 (NET).

(D) SEDNAOUI CASE A (14) 51 FEDDANS 5 KIRATS 10 SAHMS UNDER LAW NO. 15 OF 1963, COMPENSATION EL 16,120(GROSS) SUBJECT TO DEDUCTION FOR INHERITANCE TAX, LAND TAX AND DEBTS TO AGRICULTURAL
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(E) TORIEL CASE A (15) 100 FEDDANS UNDER LAW NO. 15 OF 1963. HE RETAINED 100 FEDDANS UNDER LAW NO. 127 OF 1961. HE SOLD 96 FEDDANS BEFORE 1963 TO MOHAMED IBRAHIM BEL TAGI AND PROCEEDS ARE ON DEPOSIT IN BLOCKED NON-RESIDENT ACCOUNT. ONLY 1 FEDDAN 6 KIRATS 10 SAHMS WAS TAKEN UNDER LAW NO. 15 OF 1963, COMPENSATION EL 315. U.S. SIDE REQUESTED DETAILS IN ORDER TO RECONCILE DISPARATE AMOUNTS.

(F) NADLER CASE A (6) - 78 FEDDANS TAKEN UNDER LAW NO. 15 OF 1963. AS DESERT LAND WAS TAXED UNDER EL 1.00 PER FEDDAN, COMPENSATION EL 385, SAME AS ORIGINAL PURCHASE PRICE. LAND WAS EXPROPRIATED FOR PUBLIC UTILITY PROJECT NO. 13 FOR LAND RECLAMATION. EGYPTIAN SIDE STATED THAT ANY MINERAL RIGHTS IN SUBSOIL BELONG TO THE STATE, AND NOT THE SURFACE OWNER.

(G) SALLOUM CASE E (16). EGYPTIAN SECTION STATED IT HAD NO RECORD OF CASE. U.S. SIDE WILL SUBMIT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION LATER AFTER INITIAL STATEMENT OF CLAIM FOR 190 FEDDANS. U.S. SIDE ALSO RAISED CLAIM FOR 1,200 FEDDANS TAKEN FOR USE OF MILITARY AIRFIELD. ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE SUBMITTED LATER.

3. DEWIDAR STATED THAT EGYPTIAN SECTION WOULD SUBMIT WRITTEN STATEMENT ON ALL LAND REFORM CASES FOR U.S. COMMENTS. BEFORE MINISTER SHAFEI' MADE HIS APPEARANCE, DEWIDAR ALSO STATED UNILATERALLY THAT AFTER CONSIDERATION OF ALL LAND REFORM, NATIONALIZATION

AND SEQUESTRATION CASES, JOINT COMMITTEE WOULD AGREE ON A GLOBAL FIGURE, WITH THE USG SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS DISTRIBUTION. HE REAFFIRMED PREVIOUS AGREEMENT THAT CASES IN SECTIONS B AND C BE DEEMED NATIONALIZATION CASES. HE WAS NON-COMMITTAL ON BLOCKED BANK ACCOUNTS AND U.S. SIDE RESERVED ITS POSITION ON A COMPLETE PACKAGE.

4. AT CLOSE OF MEETING MINISTER SHAFEI' MADE APPEARANCE AND STATEMENT PREVIOUSLY REPORT (CAIRO 6924).

5. NEXT SEVENTH MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JULY 15 AT EMBASSY.
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